Subject No. 152.

Grant of Loans for building houses at Chitaldroog.

Summary of discussion.—For the convenience of poor people, loans should be granted for building houses. This will lead to good houses springing up in Chitaldroog.

Dewan's reply.—We cannot do this. The Municipal Board might.

Subject No. 153.

Jurisdiction of Chitaldroog Munsiff.

Summary of discussion.—The jurisdiction of the Chitaldroog Munsiff should be raised to Rs. 2,000 as people find it very difficult to go to Shimoga for disputes involving more than Rs. 1,000. The District Judge of Shimoga should be authorised to hear Civil appeals, and dispose of applications for Insolvency and Heirship certificates, when he comes to Chitaldroog to hold Criminal Sessions.

Dewan's reply.—The question of raising the jurisdiction of Munsiffs is under consideration. As to the District Judge making a longer stay at Chitaldroog when he comes there, Government see no objection. He will do this as far as it is convenient.

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Subject No. 154.

Extension of rules in re grant of loans for constructing wells in dry lands to wet and garden lands.

Summary of discussion.—Under the rules now in force, loans are granted only for repairing or constructing wells in dry lands but the same concession should be shown to persons desirous of repairing or constructing wells in wet and garden lands. In the Chitaldroog District, a large extent of land is cultivated under Kapile wells. The raiyats should be supplied by Government with Water Pumps, the actual cost being recovered from them by instalments as in the case of loans granted for other agricultural purposes.

Dewan's reply.—No objection. It is doubtful that pumps will be popular. A water lift better in all respects than the Kapile has yet to be invented.

Subject No. 155.

Irrigation cess on Bavadi Bagayet lands should be abolished.

Summary of discussion.—Irrigation cess now levied on 'Bavadi Bagayet' lands (Garden lands under wells) should be abolished.

Dewan's reply.—This is under enquiry.

Subject No. 156.

Free removal of green date leaves for agricultural purposes.

Summary of discussion.—The removal of green date leaves is now strictly prohibited. But ropes required for agricultural purposes cannot be made from dry leaves. Tender green leaves are absolutely necessary and should be allowed to be taken.

Dewan's reply.—This would spoil the date trees for toddy purposes and cannot be allowed.

Subject No. 157.

Patels to remit Toddy khists to Taluk Cutcherry.

Summary of discussion.—For some time after the introduction of the new Toddy system, the Patels were in the habit of receiving khists from shop-keepers and remitting the same to the Taluk Cutcherry. A subsequent order on the subject requires the shop-keepers themselves to make payments direct into the Taluk Treasury. This puts them to

much inconvenience and necessitates their closing the shops for two or three days in the month during their enforced absence. Therefore Patels of villages should be directed to receive and remit the khists to Taluk Cutcherry as before.

Dewan's reply.—This must be done of course. Orders will issue.

Subject No. 158.

Insufficiency of wet lands under the Guntakolamenahalli Tank, Challakere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The area of land available for cultivation at present under the Guntakolamenahalli Tank of Rekalgere Series is very small. More than a lakh of rupees has been spent by Government on this project. Therefore 200 acres of land fit for wet cultivation should be transferred to the raiyats from the Amrut Mahal Kaval of that village. This would benefit both the raiyats and the Government.

Dewan's reply.—The project is not yet complete. After its completion, the matter will have to be dealt with in consultation with the Amrut Mahal Department and land made available for cultivation as far as possible.

Subject No. 159.

Revision of Potgi in the Challakere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The amount of Potgi now paid to the Shanbhogs is much less than what should be paid upon the present Jamabandi of villages. The existing rate was fixed upon the Jamabandi of the late famine year, and requires early revision.

Dewan's reply.—This will be done soon. The Deputy Commissioner says he has reported on the subject.

Subject No. 160.

Remission rules to be extended to garden lands also under Tanks.

Summary of discussion.—Under existing orders remission is granted only on wet lands under tanks and not on lands classed as garden although under the same tanks. This is unjust. Remission of assessment should be granted on all lands, whether wet or garden, situated under a tank which has not been in action.

Dewan's reply.—The rules are correct as they are. No remission is required ordinarily on lands classed as garden. Remission was sanctioned as an exceptional case in an exceptional season of drought even on land classed as garden but ordinarily cultivated with rice crop.

Subject No. 161.

Silahdars to be stationed in frontier Taluks.

Summary of discussion.—For the effectual prevention of crime, a Biradari of Silahdar horse should be stationed in the Taluks of Molakalmuru, Jagalur, Hiriyur, Challakere and Davangere, which border on British Territory. Frontier raids have been numerous of late years, due entirely to the withdrawal of Silahdar detachments formerly stationed here. Their very presence was sufficient to deter criminal classes. The Police can be strengthened but their utmost vigilance would be insufficient.

Dewan's reply.—This will be done. The Deputy Commissioner will put himself in communication with the Military Secretary on the subject.